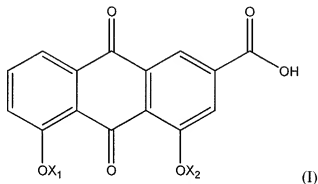


In the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1 (currently amended). A compound of general formula (I):



wherein  $X_1$  is H or  $COR_1$  and  $X_2$  is H or  $COR_2$  but  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are not both H;

$R_1$  and  $R_2$  are the same or different and are each  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl substituted with  $R_3$ , or a four to seven-membered ring which is substituted with  $R_8$  ~~and can contain or which contains~~ one or more heteroatoms selected from O,  $S(O)_n$  and  $NR_9$ ;

$R_3$  is F,  $CF_3$ ,  $OR_4$ ,  $NR_5R_6$  or  $S(O)_nR_7$ ;

$R_4$ ,  $R_5$ , and  $R_6$  are the same or different and are each H or  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl optionally substituted with  $R_3$ , or  $NR_5R_6$  is a  $C_{4-6}$  heterocycloalkyl ring containing one or more heteroatoms selected from O,  $NR_8$  and  $S(O)_n$ ;

each n is 0-2;

$R_7$  is  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl;

$R_8$  is as defined for  $R_3$  or  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl substituted with  $R_3$  or halogen;

and

$R_9$  is H or  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl;

or a salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.

2 (previously presented). The compound of claim 1, wherein  $X_1$  is  $COR_1$  and  $X_2$  is  $COR_2$ .

3 (previously presented). The compound of claim 1, wherein  $X_1$  is H and  $X_2$  is  $COR_2$ .

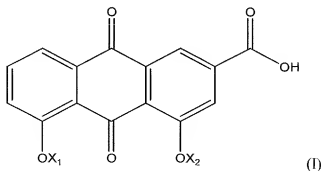
4 (previously presented). The compound of claim 1, wherein  $X_1$  is  $COR_1$  and  $X_2$  is H.

5 (previously presented). The compound of claim 1, wherein  $R_3$  is  $CF_3$ ,  $OR_4$ ,  $NR_5R_6$  or  $S(O)_nR_7$ .

6 (previously presented). The compound of claim 1, which is 4,5-Bis(tetrahydropyran-4-carbonyloxy)-9,10-dioxo-dihydroanthracene-2-carboxylic acid.

7 (withdrawn). The compound of claim 1, which is;  
4,5-bisbutyryloxy-9, 10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-carboxylic acid;  
4,5-bis(2-benzyloxyacetyloxy)-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-carboxylic acid;  
4,5-bis(4-methoxybutyryloxy)-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-carboxylic acid; or  
4,5-bis(tetrahydrofuran-3-carbonyloxy)-9, 10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracene-2-carboxylic acid.

8 (currently amended). A pharmaceutical composition for use in therapy, comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier and a compound of general formula (I):



wherein  $X_1$  is H or  $COR_1$  and  $X_2$  is H or  $COR_2$  but  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are not both H;

$R_1$  and  $R_2$  are the same or different and are each  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl substituted with  $R_3$ , or a four to seven-membered ring which can be optionally substituted with  $R_8$  and can contain one or more additional heteroatoms selected from O,  $S(O)_n$  and  $NR_9$ ;

$R_3$  is F,  $CF_3$ ,  $OR_4$ ,  $NR_5R_6$  or  $S(O)_nR_7$ ;

$R_4$ ,  $R_5$ , and  $R_6$  are the same or different and are each H or  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl optionally substituted with  $R_3$ , or  $NR_5R_6$  is a  $C_{4-6}$  heterocycloalkyl ring containing one or more heteroatoms selected from O,  $NR_8$  and  $S(O)_n$ ;

each n is 0-2;

$R_7$  is  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl;

$R_8$  is as defined for  $R_3$  or  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl optionally substituted with  $R_3$  or halogen;

and

$R_9$  is H or  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl;

or a salt, ~~solvate or hydrate~~ thereof.

9 - 24 (cancelled).